

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 305
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Janet Layman on her outstanding work and exemplary performance as the state intern for the Senate Education Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Janet Layman has distinguished herself as one such individual through her work as a legislative intern for the esteemed Senate Education Committee, her efforts resulted in untold benefits to Chairman, Senator Andy Womack and the committee staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Layman, the daughter of Newton and Eva Layman is a native Tennessean hailing from beautiful Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, Janet recently graduated with honors, from Middle Tennessee State University, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, she has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has become well versed in the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the House Education Committee, the distribution and compilation of summary packets and the importance of retroactive legislation; and

WHEREAS, she has also enjoyed the great things that come from being a state intern with the Senate Education Committee, such as staff meetings with "Team Womack", fresh

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donuts on Wednesday, the Tuesday standing appointments, as well as enjoying the camaraderie of fellow interns and staff of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she has also had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of numerous outstanding Tennesseans, including Dr. Jane Walters, Bob Baldrige, Wayne Qualls, Representative Gene Davidson, Senator Jo Ann Graves, former state representative Steve Bivens, former state senator Anna Belle Clement O'Brien, Victor Thompson, Bob Weaver, Pat Miller, Bill Taliaferro and Bill Hollings; and

WHEREAS, never again as an intern will Janet view legislative battles from the floor of the Senate chamber, spend quality time in the Senate copy room, distribute chocolate to the masses, or light candles in memory of "The Great Darkness"; and

WHEREAS, her outstanding work and tremendous dedication will keep her in good stead as she continues her education through her pursuit of a law degree from the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Janet has conducted herself in a dignified manner and learned, through her internship, the difference between a textbook about government full of words and the texts of words which form our real government; and

WHEREAS, the only things other than a congratulatory resolution that could make her internship complete would be a weekly serving of Chocolate Elvis, free meals for life from La Paz, a personally autographed copy of the THEC budget from Dr. Cathy Cole, a lifetime supply of Krispy Kreme donuts and her own personal movie theater continuously showing *The English Patient*, none of which were included in any of the numerous budget amendments filed with the Senate Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Janet Layman has performed her duties and many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum, which in the words of Speaker Wilder translates into "She was good."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Janet Layman on her outstanding service as a state intern for the esteemed Senate Education Committee, Senator Andy Womack, Chairman and committee staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash and express our deepest appreciation and thanks to her. We wish Janet every good thing in life and success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That two copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.